



***Snohomish Health District  
Board of Health Minutes  
Regular Meeting, Annual Meeting  
January 14, 2014***

**Members Present**

Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember, Edmonds  
Karen Guzak, Mayor, Snohomish, Chair  
Linda Grafer, Councilmember, Mukilteo  
John Joplin, Councilmember, Brier  
Ken Klein, County Councilmember  
Sam Low, Councilmember, Lake Stevens  
Scott Murphy, Councilmember, Everett  
Sean Richards, Councilmember, Mountlake Terrace  
Sid Roberts, Councilmember, Lynnwood  
Terry Ryan, County Councilmember,  
Dave Somers, County Councilmember  
Donna Wright, Councilmember, Marysville  
Stephanie Wright, County Councilmember

**Members Absent**

Brian Sullivan, County Councilmember

**Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health was convened at 3:06 p.m. by Chair Karen Guzak in the Auditorium of the Snohomish Health District Rucker Building. Roll call was taken by Lorie Ochmann, who reported there was a quorum present.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Ms. S. Wright and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 10, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. D. Wright and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (a) vouchers for December 2013; and (b) Resolution 14-01



authorizing December 2013 expenditures for Health District and PHEPR funds. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Chair's Report**

Chair Guzak welcomed new Board Members.

#### **New Board Members**

Councilmembers Ken Klein and Terry Ryan, Snohomish County, Sam Low, Lake Stevens, and Sid Roberts, Lynnwood, were sworn in as new Board of Health Members by Steve Uberti, SHD legal counsel.

Chair Guzak and Dr. Goldbaum discussed the history of the Board holding an annual dinner meeting and the decision to discontinue dinner meetings with the financial downturn. Chair Guzak declared the January Meeting to be the Annual Meeting.

### **Health Officer's Report**

#### New members

Dr. Goldbaum discussed the status of Board Member appointments. Some confirmations are still outstanding for continuing Board Members. This formality does not prevent existing Board Members from participation on the Board. Only one Board seat remains vacant. District One has yet to appoint an official as the small cities representative.

#### Influenza

The same influenza strain (pH1N1) that created the 2009 pandemic is again spreading through the community. As of January 10, there are reports of 32 persons hospitalized and one death, fewer than at the same time last year, but generally younger persons affected. This is the same pattern we saw in 2009. This virus can cause serious disease, especially for pregnant women. Fortunately, more people have some immunity, either because they had the infection in 2009 or have been vaccinated (this year's vaccine includes pH1N1). Unfortunately, spot shortages have been reported of the antiviral medicine that can reduce symptoms if administered early. Everyone over 6 months of age is urged to be vaccinated.



### Legislation

Washington's public health community will be closely following the 2014 short session. Little change to the budget is expected, so legislators may consider more policy issues. Dr. Goldbaum is part of the Legislative Committee for the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO), which is an affiliate of the Washington State Association of Counties.

### Team of the Quarter

Leta Tarrell presented Environmental Health support staff Sharon Mauch, Mary Ellen Morehart, and Karen Kinder-Cara as Team of the Quarter.

### **Committee Reports**

There were no questions regarding the monthly standing reports. Program Policy Committee and Administration Committee did not meet. Mr. Mayer explained that the SHD divisional standing reports have been discontinued. A review of the various report approaches including the current data points and write-ups will be evaluated to determine the right level of information for Board packets. This process will be part of the Structure and Process Ad-Hoc Committee work.

### **Action Agenda**

Dr. Goldbaum gave a presentation on the 2014 Legislative Agenda. The Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) is an affiliate of Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) and governed by a Board made up of local public health officials. The Legislative Committee meets weekly during session. Issues are tracked by category: Category 1—WSALPHO actively pursues; Category 2—WSALPHO supports, opposes, or monitors but is not lead; and Category 3—no official proposals yet, but may surface during legislative session. There are currently two Category 1 bills this session EHB 1538: Encouraging the Safe Practice of Public Health Nurses Dispensing Certain Medications. The goal is to codify safe practice of public health nurses dispensing certain drugs. The second bill is HB 1783: Concerning Health District Banking. The goal of this bill is to amend RCW 70.46.080 to authorize, but not mandate, health districts to act as their own fiscal agent & thereby increase efficiency in a time of scarce resources. The Category 1 proposed budget seeks to fix errors in disbursement amounts & jurisdiction names; codify the Public Health Assistance Account; and earmark new Tobacco Settlement funds for statewide tobacco prevention & cessations efforts; and support transportation funding promoting healthy communities. The transportation funding would support complete streets, building of streets that accommodate sidewalks and bicycle lanes as well as vehicles. The proposed budget also supports funding for three relevant Department of Health databases: Public Health Issue Management System (PHIMS); Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System (BRFSS); and Public Health Improvement Partnership (PHIP). Current



Category 2 bills are HB 1135 - Relating to the annual gross sales limits for cottage food operations, and HB 1052 - Concerning local government selection of appropriate sewer systems in urban areas. WSALPHO and WSAC are monitoring these bills. There are two Category 2 proposed policy changes being monitored, Treatment of Exposed Persons for Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure Occurring when Acting as a Good Samaritan; and State Health Care Innovation Plan (SHCIP). The SHCIP supports 79 regions across the state. Each region would have an "Accountable Community of Health" working to address the mental/physical health divide. Category 3 issues include e-cigarette sales to minors & use in public spaces. No action will be taken at the local level until federal policy is created regarding e-cigarettes. Additional Category 3 issues are pharmaceutical industry funding of drug take-back programs; occupational safety standards for lead; criminal background checks on gun sales in Washington State; and multiple/extreme drug resistant tuberculosis. While currently not common locally, the cost of treating multiple/extreme drug resistant tuberculosis can easily cost in excess of \$100,000. Local jurisdictions are seeking financial relief, much like an insurance policy, in cases of exceptional cost burden related to multiple/extreme drug resistant TB treatment. In addition to the WSALPHO agenda, WSAC has its own agenda. WSAC is seeking policy to provide greater clarity for when to use permit-exempt wells as a source of domestic water supply. This policy change would allow for repairs to existing septic systems when sewer hook-up would otherwise be required. WSAC revenue items include protecting state shared revenue; allowing property tax revenue to keep pace with costs; supporting new transportation funding; direct revenue from the recreational sale of marijuana to counties; and providing flexibility with existing revenue sources.

Board Members discussed the process for keeping up-to-date on movement of issues between categories or agencies differ in their support of proposals.

It was moved by Ms. Fraley-Monillas and seconded by Ms. S. Wright to support the Legislative Agenda as presented by Dr. Goldbaum. The motion was amended to support Category 1 items only. The motion carried unanimously.

## Information Items

Mr. Uberti provided background information on the process spelled out in the Charter for identifying a Chair and Vice Chair for the Board of Health. Mr. Somers, Chair of the Nomination Committee, reported that the Committee met by phone in December and agreed to nominate Stephanie Wright as Chair and Adrienne Fraley-Monillas as Vice Chair in 2014. Nominations were approved unanimously.

Mr. Richards suggested review of some customer service policies. The topic will be explored prior to adding the item to a meeting agenda.

A calendar for scheduled meetings in January and February 2014 was provided to Board Members in their packets.



The Program Policy Committee meeting scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Administration Committee Meeting scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> are both cancelled.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

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Karen Guzak, Chair

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Gary Goldbaum, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary